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GRASP in Paris 2012

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GRASP, which stands for the Great Apes Survival Partnership, is a joint program of UNESCO and UNEP. The 1st GRASP council meeting was held in Kinshasa, Congo, in 2005. The discussion at the time resulted in the

Kinshasa Declaration on Great Apes. The 2nd meeting of the GRASP council was held in November 6–8th, 2012, in the headquarters of UNESCO, Paris, France. The author is a member to the Scientific Commission (SC) of GRASP. The SC consists of experts on wild great apes and acts to provide scientific advice to GRASP.

The GRASP 2012 council meeting in Paris aimed to define and prioritise actions for the coming years. The new GRASP coordinator, Douglas Cress, took the lead at this international gathering, which included predominantly representatives of range countries, donor countries, NGOs and UN-related organizations. I estimate that about